

REMARKS

Claims 28-53 are pending in this application.
Claims 29 and 30 are canceled without prejudice.
Claims 28 and 31 are amended.
Claims 28, 36, 45, and 50 are the independent claims.
No new matter has been added by these amendments.

I. ALLOWED CLAIMS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 36-53 and indicating claims 30 and 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 30 has been cancelled and claim 31 has been amended as will be discussed below. Cancellation of claims 29 and 30 and amendment of claims 28 and 31 are made to comply with the Examiner's indication of allowability as expressly set forth in the current Office Action.

II. INTERVIEW SUMMARY

A telephonic interview was conducted between the Examiner and Applicant's Agent, Donald Marshall, Registration No. 55,430 on April 10, 2006. The status of claims 28-53 and allowability of a modified claim 28 were discussed. No agreements were reached which were not previously stated in the Office Action of January 11, 2006.

III. CLAIM REJECTIONS 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103

Claims 28, 29, and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,669,548 (hereinafter "Colodner"). Claims 32-34 stand

rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of Colodner.

Claim 28 has been amended to incorporate all the features of allowable claim 30 and intervening claim 29. Claim 31 has been amended to depend from claim 28, thus incorporating the allowable features of former claims 28-30. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Dependent claims 32-35 depend from amended claim 28 and inherit the allowable features therefrom. These claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 28.

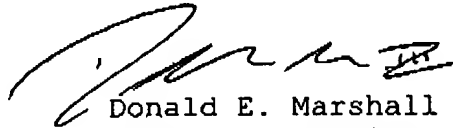
In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103 rejections are respectfully requested.

IV. CONCLUSION

Applicant believes all the claims are now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests consideration and allowance of the same.

Applicant does not believe any Request for Extension of Time is required. Applicant does not believe any fees are due regarding this amendment. The Applicant encourages the Examiner to telephone the Applicant should any issues remain.

Respectfully Submitted,



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